

In July, another draft was made, for men to reinforce the northern army till January 1st, 1778. The First Company furnished eleven.

In September, a volunteer detachment turned out to reinforce the northern army. Through the kindness of John Bartlett, Esq., a son of Lieutenant Israel Bartlett, we are enabled to give the names of these volunteers, and also a copy of the Journal kept by the latter, during the time:—

"Sept. 1777. Recd an invitation for half this Regt to turn out as volunteers to reinforce the Northern Army for 30 days after their arrival at head quarters: the following turned out of this company:

Capt. Nathl Marsh,	Moses Emerson,	Thomas Hanes,
Lieut. Israel Bartlett,	Ebenezer Greenough,	Cotton Kimball,
James Ayres,	John Gage,	Dudley Ladd Jr,
Benj. Moors Jr,	Jacob George,	Saml Souther,
Nathan Ayers,	David Green,	John Souther,
John Baker,	James Haseltine,	Jeremh Stickney,
Edmund Chase,	Saml Walker,	Ebenezer Duston.

Benj. Baker recd half a hire from David Marsh. Ebenezer Porter paid by Charles Haddock. Joshua Moors paid by Ebenezer Wood. John Harris paid by Phineas Carlton and Enoch Marsh. Mark Withan by Simon Mansies. John Clark recd 8 Dollars of J. Reddington. Enoch Caldwell paid 20 Dollars. James Pell paid 20 Dollars. Marched 4th. Oct. 1777. Was absent 5 weeks. hire £6.0.0. Gen. Bricket *turned out at the same time.*"

"Journal

of a march in the year 1777, when the British Army Surrendered to General Gates; kept by Israel Bartlett.

Oct. 4 Marched, put up at Osgood's in Andover.

5 Marched and put up at Bedford.

6 Breakfasted at Concord; Dined at Stow; poor house, but fine people — Put up at Bolton, good house —

7 Breakfasted at Lancaster — Dined at Holton — Put up at Rutland at one Bartlett's, a very good farm.

8 Breakfasted at Oakham — Passed through Newbaintree and dined at Hardwick — Put up at Hinse's in Greenwich —

9 Breakfasted at Amherst — passed through Hadley and put up at Northampton.

10 Dined at Chesterfield — Stop'd and baited at Partridgefield — Put up at Worthington —

11 Put up at Pittsfield —

- 12 Marched to Hancock — Stopped & viewed the spring & dined at Philipstown, put up at ditto —
- 13 Settled all accounts in Company — Arrived at the New City of Albany & passed over the North River, and put up at Half Moon —
- 14 Marched and arrived at the Old Camp at Stillwater.
- 15 Marched and arrived at Head Quarters at 12 O'Clock. Encamped in the Woods — Good House & Grand fire.
- 16 A fine morning, opens with expectations of seeing Mr. Burgoyne & all his troops in our possession this day — 10 O'Clock, we were alarmed and ordered to turn out, for that Gen. Burgoyne had refused to sign the capitulation, and hostilities would Commence in one hour. Deferred till 12 O'Clock — Sunset; news again, that the articles are signed — General orders, that men lay on their arms, for the General suspects treachery.
- 17 Parade at 10 O'Clock to receive Gen. Burgoyne, who accordingly arrived at 12 O'Clock, and the troops followed at three O'Clock. we are ordered to draw three days provision, and march in order to take charge of the prisoners, who are to march to Boston.
- 18 Marched to Stillwater — This day very fatiguing. Encamped this night.
- 19 Marched this day at 1 O'Clock 8 miles and encamped in the woods.
- 20 Marched this morning & gained 10 miles, which brought us to the front of the army at a place called St. Croix.
- 21 Marched 18 miles to Williamstown, through a severe snow storm, put up at a very good house —
- 22 Halted all day at Williamstown to draw provisions —
- 23 Marched at 10 O'Clock towards Lanesborough — The army in two divisions; we in the rear of the first division.
- 24 Marched 7 miles to Pittsfield and halted at good quarters —
- 25 Saturday. We marched to Worthington 20 miles, through exceedingly bad mountains and deep mud — We marched late, but got good quarters —
- 26 Sunday we rested — The people very religious. We are to march tomorrow to Northampton.
- 27 Monday. We marched to Northampton to day, 18 miles, through the rain & mud, very fatiguing. Arrived at 2 O'Clock — Three men left came up to day and tell us that the people, we thought religious, deny our paying reckoning.

- 28 Tuesday. We rested at Hampton all day on account of a very severe storm of rain and snow.
- 29 Wednesday. We are ordered to advance in front. We marched and crossed the river at 10 o'clock, and advanced four miles from Hadley: place called Amherst.
- 30 Thursday. We marched thro' Belcher and Ware and put up at Weston, about 20 miles from Amherst.
- 31 Friday We marched $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile and halted in front of the British Army—Breakfasted & marched to the furthest part of Brookfield 11 miles from our last quarters. Were forced to march 4 or 5 miles further than we intended, for want of quarters.
- Nov. 1 Saturday—We marched $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile to Spencer & halted all the rest of day to draw provisions; the commissary being absent, could not draw
- 2 We drew one day's provision and marched thro' Leicester and halted at Worcester, 14 miles from our last quarters.
- 3 Monday. We marched to Northborough and halted 10 miles from our last quarters.
- 4 Tuesday—Marched from Northborough to Marlborough, 8 miles and halted—we are mustered and obliged to march, occasioned by the Artillery's advancing beyond the lines set—we marched 5 miles and halted at Sudbury.
- 5 Wedny. Marched to Watertown, 5 miles from Cambridge.
- 6 Thursday we marched to prospect hill in Charlestown, through rain and mud, the worst day's march we have had; we expected to continue till rested, and draw provisions, as we had none since we left Brookfield: but on our return from Prospect Hill a Maj. of Brigade overtook us and dismissed us, with the General's thanks; but the provision would have done us more good, as little could be procured at Cambridge."

The closing paragraph of the Journal affords us an opportunity to say that General Brickett, who commanded the escort of the prisoners, seriously embarrassed himself by advancing large sums of money from his private purse, and contracting obligations to furnish necessary provisions and accommodations for the troops, during this long and tedious march. *For all this, he never received one penny!* Massachusetts claimed that it belonged to the United States government to reimburse him; and Congress was pleased to refuse to allow him the claim, on the ground that General Brickett was not an United States officer, but under commission from Massachusetts! Between the two, the General's just claim fell to the

ground, and to this day has never been paid. When Congress afterward pensioned the soldiers of the Revolution, General Brickett was urged to secure one for himself, as he could readily do so, but he indignantly refused to accept a pension, while his higher claim was ignored by the government.

The following, copied from the original in the State Archives, are well worth a place in our pages: —

“ To the Honorable General Court Now sitting in Boston.

The petition of B. G. James Brickett Humbly Sheweth, That whereas in obedience to a Resolve of the Genl Court in the year 1777, for Reinforcing the Northern Army, then under the command of General Gates, I marched with a number of Men, and joined said army, soon after which the articles of Convention between Mr General Gates and Gen Burgoyne were Exchanged, after which by the General's Direction, I received orders to take ye command of the Escort for Gen Burgoyne's troops from Saratoga to Boston, which Business was compleated as Expeditious as possible, for which Services I have not Recieved any Recompense. Notwithstanding the application made to Generals Heath & Glover — who I considered as the proper persons to apply to — wherefore this is to beg you would consider of the affair & Grant such compensation, as you in your wisdom shall think proper for said services, & the Necessary Extra Expenses I was at — and your petitioner as in Duty Bound will ever pray

Dated Haverhill

James Brickett

March 27th 1780

“ I do hereby Certify; That Brigadier General James Brickett, was appointed to ye Command of about five Hundred Militia, Detached from General Gates army, to Guard a Division of ye Convention Troops, from Saratoga to Cambridge, in Octobr 1777 — which Charge he executed with Judgment and Prudence

Jno. Glover

B General

Marblehead 29 Apl 1780

“ State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives

May — 1780.

On the Petition of Brigr James Brickett

Resolved that Brigr James Brickett be allowed for his Services in Reinforcing the Northern Army under the Command of Major Genl Gates; that he be permitted to make up a Rolle as Brigr and Exhibit the same to the Committee on Rolles for allowance; & the Trear is hereby ordered to charge the same to the Continent.”